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Description: f. 1 - Sold at auction at Sotheby's, 1 December 1998, lot 66, to Lawrence J. Schoenberg. Gift of Lawrence J. Schoenberg and Barbara Brizdle, 2010 - Described in Transformation of knowledge: early manuscripts from the collection of Lawrence J. Schoenberg (London: Paul Holberton, 2006), p. 152

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Language: Latin *Century:* 16th

Part 1: f. 1

Description: - Parchment - 347 mm x 438 mm

Country:

Cardinal point:

Region:

City: Mantua

Assigned Date: s. XVI^{med}

Searchable Date Range: 1540 - 1560

Dated by scribe: Yes

Inscribed Date: 1542/5/24

Document: Yes

Number of Scribes:

Script: Italic

Notes: Gonzaga seal in wax attached to the lower half of the document Latin

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: f. 1r

Title: License to establish a bank

Language(s): Latin

Notes: Charter issued by the cardinal Ercole Gonzaga and the duchess Margherita Paleologa, in their capacity as tutors of the Duke of Mantua, Margherita's two-year-old son Francesco III Gonzaga. They grant to the Jew Isaac de Massaran license to establish a money-lending bank with two other shareholders from the Jewish community of Mantua. The bank may charge 20% annual interest (noted as lower than the 25% charged by the other four banks in Mantua) and will have the same benefits, immunities, privileges, and honors as the other banks in Mantua